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SUBJECT: SAUL RUBY MINE

REF: (A) STATE 231938 (B) STATE 255578 (C) NAIROBI 9298

(D) NAIROBI 5096, JUNE 19, 1974

1. AFTER BEING GIVEN RUN-AROUND BY MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR PAST TWO WEEKS, I CALLED TODAY ON MINISTER OF STATE KOINANGE IN PRESIDENT'S OFFICE TO SEE WHETHER HE WOULD BE WILLING BREAK BUREAUCRATIC LOG JAM ON GOK OFFER OF COMPENSATION FOR SAUL'S RUBY MINE. WHILE KOINANGE PROFESSED NOT TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS CASE, HE PROMPTLY PHONED ATTORNEY GENERAL NJONJO WHO CONFIRMED THAT DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED TO OFFER COMPENSATION AND THAT ONLY REMAINING STEP WAS INTERMINISTERIAL DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT TO BE OFFERED SAUL. KOINANGE AGREED TO INSTRUCT PRESIDENTIAL PERMANENT SECRETARY TO ARRANGE MEETING OF APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS FROM TREASURY, NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTRY, AND ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO MAKE THIS DETERMINATION. EMBASSY HAS ADVISED SAUL'S LAWYERS WHO HAVE AGREED TO ADVISE US AS SOON AS THERE IS SOME MOVEMENT ON PART OF GOK TO OFFER COMPENSATION.

2. RE COERCION QUESTION RAISED IN PARA 2 OF REF A, EMBASSY IS NOT IN POSITION TO PROVIDE PERTINENT INFORMATION ABOVE AND BEYOND THAT REPORTED IN REF D OTHER THAN TO NOTE THAT SAUL'S OFFER OF 51 PERCENT SHARE IN HIS
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CORPORATION TO GROUP OF KENYANS WAS NEVER ACTUALLY

CONSUMMATED. SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT CIEP DECISION
ON WHETHER COERCION WAS INVOLVED BE BASED ON THIS INFORMATION.

3. RE QUERY PARA 3 REF A, EMBASSY WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT
AS SOON AS FINAL NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN.
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